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(U) RELATIONS WITH AMERICAN EMBASSY
ANKARA**Synopsis:** (U//~~FOUO~~) Murder of AMCIT Halla Barakat in Uskudar,
Istanbul**Full Investigation Initiated:** 08/10/2013**Details:**

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 09/22/2017, A/ALAT  assigned to the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, was advised of the murder of American Citizen (AMCIT) Halla Barakat (Halla). The bodies of Halla and her mother, Orouba Barakat (Orouba), were discovered in their apartment 

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(U//~~FOUO~~) On the evening of 09/21/2017, the same complainant also contacted the duty-officer at the U.S Consulate in Istanbul. The complainant was awaiting for the police to respond to the apartment, but he also wanted to alert U.S. authorities about his concerns.

(U//~~FOUO~~) The complainant was further identified as: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] provided Halla's cellular telephone number as 0539-556-3621 and claimed she was employed at Orient News as a journalist.

(U//~~FOUO~~) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

(U//~~FOUO~~) American Citizen Services (ACS) and the Assistant Regional Security Officer-Investigations (ARSO-I) verified the following information based upon Halla's application for a U.S. Passport:

AMCIT (daughter):

Halla Barakat

DOB: 11/16/1993

SSAN: 241-77-6970

POB: Raleigh, NC

Phone: 00971507412522 , 00971504970717

Email: halla_lulu@hotmail.com

Mother:

Orouba Barakat

DOB: 06/29/1955

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POB: Syria

(U//~~FOUO~~) Open source searches indicate Halla is a journalist whose reporting has been critical of the Syrian Regime. It appears both mother and daughter are Syrian activists who oppose the Syrian Government.

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SSAN:

POB:

Mailing address:

Occupation:

Telephone number:

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